



7th District Milwaukee County Supervisor

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FALL 2021

All of Us Together!

Committee Assignments

- Health Equity, Human Needs and Strategic Planning, Chair
- Economic and Community Development
- Parks, Energy and Environment
- Audit Committee

What Services Does Milwaukee County Provide and Manage?

Airport

- Mitchell Field

County Court System

- Courthouse
- County Clerk
- Clerk of Courts
- Register of Deeds
- Treasurer

County Roads

- Plowing-Snow Removal
- Repairing & Replacement

Cultural

- Milwaukee Art Museum
- Milwaukee Public Museum
- Milwaukee County Zoo
- Historical Society
- Charles Allis Art Museum
- Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum
- Mental Health Services
- Behavioral Health

Park System

- Boerner Botanical Gardens
- Golf Courses
- Lakefront
- The Domes
- Pools
- County Parks

Milwaukee Transit System

Sheriff's Department

- House of Corrections
- Courthouse
- Expressways
- Jail

Hello Neighbor,

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and warm as we prepare for another Milwaukee winter. This summer was filled with fireworks, water splash pads in Milwaukee County parks, and the sounds and smells of the Wisconsin State Fair (including the famous cream puffs!).

I hope you took some time this summer and fall to stroll through one of the beautiful parks in the Magnificent 7th County Supervisory District, which includes Dineen Park, Garden Homes Park, Indigenous People's Park, and Sherman Park. Being outdoors and enjoying our parks is a great way to improve you and your family's physical and mental health – I can't wait until we can get back outdoors next spring! Until then, if you need more information on staying warm this winter, I have included details on Milwaukee County's energy assistance resources below.

On the pandemic front, Wisconsin has administered about 6.5 million shots of the COVID-19 vaccinations. The COVID-19 Delta variant has caused some setbacks with increased cases and deaths in Milwaukee County. To address the Delta variant, we must consider mask mandates to keep our community safe and our economy thriving. If you have yet to receive your COVID-19 vaccine, or are looking for information about a booster shot or a shot for a child 12 years & older, please visit www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine to learn more and schedule an appointment.

While the pandemic has exacerbated the existing inequities by ZIP codes, gender, and income throughout Milwaukee County, I am confident the resources we have allocated to address evictions, increase access to COVID vaccinations, and protect transit access for communities of color will move us closer to shrinking inequity gaps across all spectrums. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding comes at an opportune time to invest in overdue priorities across our county. I strongly encourage you to share your thoughts on how we should use the county's \$183 million in ARPA funding, which you can do through the ARPA Task Force website, county.milwaukee.gov/ARPA.taskforce.

Please continue to share your project ideas, county service concerns, and policy priorities to improve our community. Feel free to inform me of the good work neighbors are doing so that I can amplify the work happening in District 7. Additionally, I would love to attend your community events, including neighborhood meetings, block watch, and block parties. Please contact my office with details to ensure your event is on my calendar: (414) 278-4241 or felesia.martin@milwaukeecountywi.gov.

It is my distinct pleasure to serve you all in making District 7 stronger and better. In working together with my colleagues, County Executive David Crowley, Milwaukee County departments, our partners at the City of Milwaukee, our state legislators, Congresswoman Gwen Moore, and US Senator Tammy Baldwin, I believe we can make a big difference. All of us working together, making good things happen for the residents of the Magnificent 7th Supervisory District of Milwaukee County.

Respectfully,

Felesia A. Martin
County Supervisor, The Magnificent 7th District



Supervisor Martin joins her colleagues in taking the oath of office at the ceremonial swearing-in this past July. Supervisor Martin was re-elected for a second term on the board in 2020.

Supervisor Martin represents several City of Milwaukee neighborhoods, including Dineen Park, Capitol Heights, Grasslyn Manor, Sunset Heights, Roosevelt Grove, Lincoln Creek, and Garden Homes.

COVID-19, Structural Deficit Make for Difficult 2022 County Budget

Setting and adopting a balanced budget is the most important task that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors take on each year. Milwaukee County's budget continues to be further complicated by an ongoing structural deficit caused by state revenue caps and the increased cost of state mandated services. On average, county revenues grow by only 1% per year while expenses are expected to increase by 2.4%, the rate of inflation.

Rising to the challenge of adopting a balanced budget each year, Milwaukee County has closed budget gaps of approximately \$300 million over the past decade. The county has done this by reducing its real estate footprint by 1.6 million square feet, reducing staff by 1,400 employees, and deferring \$35 million in maintenance, among other measures. This has unfortunately led to reductions in services countywide, including in our parks, busses, and public safety functions.

Milwaukee County will receive a total of \$183 million in federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). ARPA will provide the county with a needed boost in funds to help recover from the pandemic, but the county's actual revenue loss is estimated to be nearly double the amount received from ARPA.

Milwaukee County continues to advocate for additional revenue options to fund local priorities. Governor Tony Evers included a proposal in his 2021-2023 state budget that would allow counties to raise their sales tax by .5% percent if approved by voters through a referendum process, but this proposal was not included in the adopted state budget.

You can find out how to help solve Milwaukee County's mounting budget issues by visiting moveforwardmke.com.

Rally Against Hate and Violence



Alongside community activist Tracey Dent and Milwaukee Common Council President Chevy Johnson, Supervisor Martin attended a rally against hate and violence in Milwaukee.

2021 Legislative Items Sponsored or Co-Sponsored by Supervisor Martin

- **21-859:** A resolution requesting the creation of a pilot reentry program that provides incarceration and post-incarceration support for individuals returning to the community and requesting.
- **21-654:** A resolution declaring August 5, 2021 as Black Nite Brawl Day in Milwaukee County and requesting the Milwaukee County Historical Society honor the site of the Black Nite Brawl as a historical monument and allow the installation of a memorial marker.
- **21-599:** A resolution in support of immigrants, refugees, and asylum-seekers; calling upon the United States Federal Government to create a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants.
- **21-576:** A resolution calling upon the State of Wisconsin to pass into law the Create a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair (CROWN) legislation, prohibiting discrimination of natural hairstyles; and declaring July 3, 2021 as CROWN Day in Milwaukee County.
- **21-549:** A resolution supporting the State of Wisconsin increasing the threshold for BadgerCare/Medicaid eligibility from 100 percent to 138 percent of the federal poverty limit to improve the lives of low-income Wisconsinites and receive increased federal appropriations; and declaring June 2021, "Medicaid Expansion Month."
- **21-526:** A resolution authorizing and directing the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture to change the name of Lindbergh Park to Lucille Berrien Park.
- **21-506:** A resolution declaring a "right to counsel" for residents of Milwaukee County facing eviction or foreclosure, authorizing the Department of Health and Human Services, Housing Division to implement a pilot Right to Counsel program.
- **21-462:** A resolution calling for the State of Wisconsin and Federal Government to legally end qualified immunity, enabling civil lawsuits against law enforcers for misconduct and malpractice.
- **21-437:** A resolution advancing racial equity by honoring Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and condemning racially motivated violence and hatred.
- **21-457:** A resolution authorizing and directing a transfer of money to Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture for the purposes of constructing and installing a memorial to Dontre Hamilton at Red Arrow Park.
- **21-406:** A resolution denouncing political violence, rioting, looting, arson, armed insurrection, domestic terrorism, and white supremacy.
- **21-390:** A resolution supporting Milwaukee County's commitment to pursuing clean energy and climate change solutions by joining the Wisconsin Local Government Climate Coalition.
- **21-378:** A resolution reaffirming Milwaukee County's opposition to further expansion of Interstate 94 (I-94).
- **21-240:** A resolution commemorating the life of Reverend C.T. Vivian, an influential civil rights activist, and declaring July 30, C.T. Vivian Day in Milwaukee County.
- **21-238:** A resolution commemorating the life of John Lewis, civil rights activist and congressman from the Georgia Fifth District, and declaring February 21, John Lewis Day in Milwaukee County.



Supervisor Martin chats with our wonderful County Executive, David Crowley, ahead of a press conference.

County Resources

Eviction Resources

If you are in need of eviction resources, please utilize EvictionFreeMKE for information on free legal assistance, rent support services, and your rights as a tenant. You can visit EvictionFreeMKE.org or call **(414) 892-7368** to learn more.

Renters Assistance

Community Advocates assists individuals and families who are facing eviction. In partnership with Milwaukee County Eviction Prevention Funds, to financially assist in rent, rent arrears, utility assistance, security deposit, and first month's rent. The Rent Assistance Pre-Application can be found and submitted on communityadvocates.net or requested by emailing renthelp@communityadvocates.net. An applicant can also request an application by calling the Rent Help Line at **(414) 270-4646**.

Mortgage Assistance

Milwaukee County is offering Mortgage Assistance for those struggling to make payments due to the ongoing pandemic. Funding comes from allocations from the CARES Act. Housing resources will be accepting applications through December 18, 2020. Before applying, be sure to check the eligibility terms. You can apply via Zoom Grants at zoomgrants.com/gprop.asp?donorid=2370&limited=3053

Energy Assistance

The Milwaukee County Energy Assistance program is open for Milwaukee residents. Residents who qualify, will receive a one-time, annual payment towards their electric and heating bill. The benefit is based on household size, income, and energy costs. The payment is made directly to your energy supplier. Due to Covid-19, applications are being taken only by phone. Schedule an appointment now at KeepWarmMKE.org or call **(414) 270-4-MKE!**

Emergency Food Map

All over Milwaukee, there are spots handing out free meals out to the community. The Hunger Task Force created a map tool that allows you to check out what location is closest to you. www.hungertaskforce.org/what-we-do/get-help-now-covid-19

24-Crisis Hotline

If you are feeling overwhelmed or anxious due to social distancing, the Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division offers resources. If you do require of professional counselors, you can reach out to **(414) 257-7222**.

IMPACT 2-1-1

IMPACT 2-1-1 is a central access point for people in need. During times of personal crisis or community disaster, the free, confidential helpline and online resource directory make it easy for residents to get connected to information and assistance. **Simply dial 2-1-1**. If you want detailed information please go to: www.impactinc.org/impact-2-1-1.

Supporting Safe Streets for our Community



Supervisor Martin joins Alderman Khalif Rainey, State Representative Supreme Moore Omokunde and community members in calling for an end to reckless driving in Milwaukee.

Milwaukee County Park Permits

Vendor Permits

A Vendor Permit Application is required if you are interested in operating a food and beverage, retail, recreational or other service-oriented concession, to collect donations, or to host a raffle or silent auction on Milwaukee County Parks property.

Fees

In addition to the base fee for a Milwaukee County Parks Vendor Permit, the vendor is responsible for fees for

- Services provided by Milwaukee County Parks (such as utilities, trash removal, etc.)
- Additional expenses (such as cleanup, repairs, landscaping and restoration, signage etc.)
- Additional permits required by Milwaukee County
- Municipal permit, license, or inspection fees

How to Apply

- Submit your application at least 90 days prior to your requested event date.
- Note that submission of an application is separate from the decision to award a permit.
- If your application is approved, fulfill any additional requirements and make full payment at least 30 days prior to your event.

**Please note that group-size restrictions will likely impact the Special Events World even after Safer-at-Home Orders are lifted.*

Initial Review

Within three business days of your submission, we will notify you of the results of the initial review, which checks availability of your requested location and date/time. If there is no conflict, your application will continue through the review process. If there is a conflict, we will suggest available dates/times or nearby locations.

To request a Park permit please visit county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Parks/Plan/Get-a-Permit or reach out to the Special Events Office at SpecialEvents@milwaukeecountywi.gov



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Free COVID-19 testing for anyone 12-months and older, regardless of symptoms. Drive-thru or walk-up.

Northwest Health Center, 7630 W. Mill Road

Drive-thru garage – Enter at Mill Road Library, 6431 N. 76th St.

Southside Health Center, 1639 S. 23rd St.

Drive-thru heated tent in North parking lot - Enter on 24th St.

Milwaukee Community Testing Site,

2401 W. St. Paul Ave. Drive-thru garage

SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT ONLINE

milwaukee.gov/covidtesting
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CLIC COUNTY LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION CENTER

For legislative files, agendas, minutes and schedules for all Milwaukee County committee and board meetings, please visit the County Legislative Information Center at:

county.milwaukee.gov/CLIC

Service Guide for 7th District Milwaukee County Residents

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Airports

Mitchell International Airport 747-5300

Timmerman Airport 461-3222

Child Support Enforcement 615-2593

Clerk of Circuit Court 278-5362

County Clerk 278-4067

County Executive 278-4211

County Treasurer 278-4033

Courts

Civil Division (small & large claims) 278-4120

Criminal Division 278-4538

Children's Court 257-7700

Department on Aging

General Information 289-6874

Department of Health and Human Services ... 289-6877

District Attorney's Office

John Chisholm 278-4646

Election Commission 278-4060

Emergency/Public Safety

Sheriff (non-emergency) 278-4700

Sheriff (non-emergency) 278-4766

Burn Center Hotline (24 hours) 272-2876

Emergency Management (24 hours) 257-4709

Suicide Prevention/Intervention

Mental Health Crisis 257-7222

Fraud Hotline 93-FRAUD

House of Correction

General and Visiting Information 427-4700

Jury Services

General Information 278-4468/278-4469

Reserve Juror Message 985-6000

Low Income Housing

Rent Assistance 278-4894

Marcus Center for the Performing Arts 273-7121

Marriage Licenses/Passports/Fishing Lic. 278-4067

Medical Examiner

General Information 223-1200

Mental Health Complex

General Information 257-6995

Admitting (Emergency) 257-7260

Milwaukee Art Museum

General Information 224-3200

Milwaukee County Historical Society 273-8288

Milwaukee County Parks

Boerner Botanical Gardens 525-5600

General Information 257-7275

Parks Hotline 257-5100

Organized Sports 257-8030

Golf Reservations 475-6222

Golf Office 257-8024

District 7 Parks

Dineen Park (6901 W. Vienna Ave.) 353-3212

Indigenous Peoples Park (7301 W. Courtland Ave.) ... 353-3212

Sherman Park (3000 N. Sherman Blvd.) 342-0215

Milwaukee County Zoo

General Information 771-3040

Milwaukee Public Museum

General Information 278-2702

Office of Persons with Disabilities

General Information 278-3932

Register in Probate 278-4444

Register of Deeds 278-4021

Sheriff's Department

General Information 278-4766

TDD Emergency 278-5252

Transit System

Bus Routes/Schedules/Fares 344-6711

Customer Comments 937-3218

Transit Plus 343-1700

UW-Extension 256-4600

Veterans Services 266-1234

Victim/Witness Service

General Information-Felony 278-4667

City of Milwaukee

City Hall/Common Council 286-2221

Night 286-CITY (2489)